



City of Santa Barbara
**Infrastructure Financing Taskforce
Meeting**

June 5, 2008
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Fire Station No. 1
121 West Carrillo Street

City Staff Members

James L. Armstrong
City Administrator
Robert D. Peirson
Director of Finance
Paul A. Casey
Interim Director of Public Works
Jill Taura
Budget Manager
Kathy Kefauver
Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen
Administrative Analyst

City Council Liaison

Roger L. Horton
Councilmember
Finance Committee, Chair

Committee Members

Richard Jensen, *Chair*
Stephen Kurtzer, *Vice-Chair*
W. Scott Burns
Robert Geis
Renee Grubb
Dudley Morris
Frank Schipper

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:54 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Richard Jensen
Scott Burns, Robert Geis, Dudley Morris, Stephen Kurtzer (12:15 p.m.)

Members Absent

Renee Grubb
Frank Schipper

Staff Present

Robert D. Peirson, Finance Director
Ron Prince, Fire Chief
Jill Taura, Budget Manager
Pete Ramsdell, Fire Administrative Services Manager,
Kathy Kefauver, Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen, Administrative Analyst

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of minutes for May 15, 2008.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Presentation - Fire Department

Chief Prince talked to the Taskforce about the state of the different fire stations and priorities. The seismic work on Station No. 1 will begin in mid June and will cost approximately \$6.6 million. He also talked about a master plan that was recently done for the Training Tower and surrounding area. The next highest priority for stations once Station No. 1 is completed will be Station No. 7 on Stanwood Drive.

Chair Jensen asked about the availability of grants to fund infrastructure improvements. Pete Ramsdell confirmed that grants are available but they are usually for equipment, such as turn out coats, breathing apparatus, etc. Some funding is available for the addition of fire sprinkler systems and exhaust removal systems but not complete remodels.

Chair Jensen asked about the replacement cycle of the rolling stock and Mr. Ramsdell confirmed that the replacement program has been very successful.

The Taskforce then toured Station No. 1.

5. Report Discussion

The Taskforce discussed the summary that Mr. Morris has started. They also discussed the recommendation regarding including General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Participation.

Discussion followed regarding setting a specific amount to be set aside annually and how to accomplish it. By setting aside money annually it is not a quick fix but more of a long term solution. An administrative process versus a charter amendment was preferred by the group. A request was made to show the condition of the infrastructure versus the condition of the financing. Bob Geis provided a sample to the Taskforce as a possible way to present the information.

The Taskforce agreed that the recommendation should include both general obligation bonds and a percentage of general fund set aside annually.

6. Future Meeting Dates – confirmed no July 3rd meeting addition of July 31st.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.